

BRIARCLIFF CHURCH

Small Group Study Guide: Hebrews

Week of November 9 (Week 9)

Hebrews: (10)



CHAPTER 9 SUMMARY

Hebrews 10 contrasts the temporary nature of Old Testament sacrifices with the finality and sufficiency of Christ's sacrifice. It calls believers to live boldly in faith, remain in community, and persevere in hope, while warning against deliberate sin and apostasy.

SERMON DISCUSSION

Topic:

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OBSERVING AND APPLYING THE TEXT

Further exposition of Christ's sacrifice (Heb. 10:1-18)

1. According to Heb. 10:1-4, why was a better sacrifice needed compared to the sacrifices of the old covenant?
2. What is the purpose of the writer of Hebrews in quoting Psalm 40:6-8 in Heb. 10:5-7?
3. What does Heb. 10:10 tell us about the sacrifice of Jesus compared to the OT sacrifices?
4. In Heb. 10:11-14, how does the writer of Hebrews reiterate Christ's finished work?

5. According to Heb. 10:15-18, how do believers know that we have perfect standing with God? What does God promise in verses 16 and 17?
6. What does it mean that God “remembers sins no more?” How does this affect your view of forgiveness?
7. How does the idea that Christ’s sacrifice was “once for all” change the way you approach God?
8. What do the limitations of the old sacrificial system teach you? How does this deepen your appreciation for Jesus’s once-for-all sacrifice?
9. Verse 9 says, “Here I am, I have come to do your will.” How can you align your life more fully with God’s will?
10. God promises to write his laws on our hearts (v. 16). What does this look like in your life?
11. Verse 17 says, “Their sins and lawless deeds I will remember no more.” How can this truth free you from guilt or shame?
12. If Christ’s sacrifice has truly removed the need for further offerings, how should that affect how you approach worship, confession, and repentance?

Exhortation and warning in view of Christ's sacrifice (Heb. 10:19-39)

13. In view of the "open way into the heavenly sanctuary" through Christ's sacrifice (10:19-20), what is the exhortation/invitation to the believers in verses 22-24?

14. In Heb. 10:26-31, the writer gives a solemn exhortation or warning. What is this warning about?

15. How does the writer of Hebrews motivate his readers in 10:32-29?

16. What does "drawing near to God with a sincere heart" look like in your daily life?

17. Why is community essential in the life of faith?

18. How can we, as a group, better "stir one another up to love and good works?"

19. What are some practical ways we can encourage each other to "hold fast to our hope?"

20. How does the warning about deliberate sin challenge your view of grace and accountability?

21. How can remembering past victories in faith help us face current challenges?

PRAYER

PRAYER GUIDE November 3-7, 2025 Read Hebrews 10

Monday: 10:16-17 “I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds . . . I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.” Holy Spirit, thank you for writing your laws on my heart. Thank you that my sins are remembered no more. Help me live in the joy and confidence of Your forgiveness.

Tuesday 10: 22 “Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.” Father, thank you for the boldness I have to enter your presence through Jesus. Cleanse my heart and renew my faith. Let me draw near to you with full assurance.

Wednesday: 10: 25 “Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.” Lord, help me hold fast to hope without wavering. Show me how to encourage others and be faithful in gathering with your people. Let our fellowship be full of love and purpose.

Thursday: 10: 38 “Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.” Lord, help me to learn to live by faith every day despite uncertain days ahead.

Friday: 10:39 “But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul.” Father, I will not throw away my confidence — it has a great reward. Help me persevere and live by faith, not shrinking back, but pressing forward in trust and obedience.